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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies a continuation application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §53(b), of parent application serial number 08/456,343, filed June 1, 1995, by the applicant hereof. Said prior application serial number 08/456,343 was under final rejection, and the proposed amendment filed therein was not entered. The contents of said amendment are repeated hereinbelow. Entry is respectfully requested prior to calculation of the issue fee and examination on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of copending patent application serial number 08/456,343, filed June 1, 1995,--

6/10/99 which is a continuation of 08/163,043 filed 12/6/1993 now abandoned
with Patent 5,435,888.